

ESF EC Pre Extraordinary Congress Meeting

Rome, Italy
18.11.2021 @ 18:00

EC members' attendance:

Gaba Waage ("GW")	Mette Nissen – Jakobsen ("MN")
Youri Alkalay ("YA")	Eddy van Straelen ("EvS")
Petra Arends ("PA")	Ami Baran ("AB")
Daniela Castellani ("DC")	

Kristian Palvia ("KP") (Later)

Not at the Congress: John Austin ("JA")

Technical and Competitions Director: Mike Jennings ("MJ")

Communications Director: Elda Ghilardi ("EG")

1. WELCOME AND PROCESS

GW: Welcome to Rome. Thank you to be here. Good to be in person.

- *WBSC Europe update - situation*

GW: You were informed of the situation.

Tomorrow there will be the voting to approve the new Constitution.

Slovenia and Serbia put a bid on the February Congress. Serbia is out of EU and travelling might be more difficult.

Softball Europe finished the season in ESP in Masters. Good conversation with the Spanish Federation. Super Six will be hosted by ESP, and so will a Cup and WECh.

2. REPORTS AND MINUTES

- *Approval of the July 4, 2021, minutes*

APPROVED

3. FINANCIAL

- *2020-2021 balance*

EvS: Some problems with the umpires, higher prices due to covid.

Umpires costs for NFs should be higher from 375 to 475.

APPROVED

We are in good conditions.

Some complains from the NFs for the entry fee for ECh.

No changes but from the umpire cost

- *NFs not in good standing (for the Extraordinary ESF Congress)*

All Softball NFs in good standing.

- *Other financial issues*

Elda's Computer proposal to reimburse.

The organizer should be responsible.

Need to reiterate the responsibility in the Letter of guarantee from the NF and organizer.

Action item: EvS to reimburse EG for the Computer.

MJ should look into regulation to have an insurance.

Saronno guarantee has not been given back.

TC report is not there.

Problem about starting day.

Action item: MJ will check to see that the If TC report is okay, and then EvS can send refund the guarantee

Action item: Decision for MJ to be sure that Dates of tournaments should not be changed.

Action item: Financial report will be presented at the Feb congress.

4. TECHNICAL & COMPETITIONS 2022 (2023)

- *SE Calendar 2022 -2024 (attached)*

U-15 WECh in Enschede, NED.

- *Current situation and Review Bids and process for final entries*

All bids received, but from the WECWC pool B. Possibly in FRA.

Bids have financial consequences. NFs should either send the letter of guarantee or fee.

Colorno MESPCh – one big field – June 14

Kunovice U-22 WECh – center field is short in one field

Sezimovo Usti U23 MECh – okay

Barcelona WECh – artificial grass, some fields to be inspected

Enschede U15 WECh

WEC and WECWC pool B need organizers

Action item: MJ will announce on Saturday the calendar + and entries shall be open

- *Super 6 2022 situation – qualified teams for 2022*

Barcelona in 2022 because of timing is good.

Regensburg will host the qualifier for WBSC Baseball Classic and cannot host Super 6.

Russia and Israel have also put Bids in for the Super 6.

ISR asked to host in 2024.

Proposal as to what teams are in the Super 6.

Option 1: results of 2021 WECh and 2022 WECh to qualify for 2024 Super Six.

Option 2: result of 2022 WECh for 2022 Super Six.

Option 3: rankings.

Option 1: **Approved (7-0)**

- *European Masters Cup*

MNJ: Talked to people at the competition. Some proposal.

- Men's: Raise the age to 40/45 (35 is still age Men's Softball player are playing high level).
- Women's: raise too

Decision will be later as MNJ will prepare a proposal

Action Item: MNJ can prepare proposal. Discussion and decision will be made in Feb.

5. DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- *General update*

Clinics

Finland will be present at the WECh.

6. LEGAL COMMISSION

- *WBSC Europe Statutes*

Final step of a process started in 2017 in Paris.

Motions will be addressed at the pre congress statutes meeting.

- *WBSC Extraordinary Congress*

Some issues.

- *WBSC Europe Workshops*

Workshops during the Congress to make the Congress more interesting and useful for all NFs.

- *ESF Extraordinary Congress Softball Window - program*

Presented.

- *Dissolving ESF*

AB: After discussions with Lars Sundin from CEB, issues arise with discussions with legal counsels from Switzerland and procedures to liquidate the Federation are a bit more complicated.

Recommendation is not to bring it to a vote.

IBAF and ISF never dissolved.

GW: Competition point of view everything can go under WBSC Europe. Legally, it is complicated.

ESF and CEB could be dormant corporations.

MNJ: I would go with the advice of our legal counsels. Sleeping entities could work.

EvS / YA / MJ: agree

PA: I want something written from the lawyer.

DC: agree with PA.

EvS: money transfer with no dissolution could have legal consequences for treasurer, president and board.

Proposal: to take it off the table as CEB is also saying the same thing.

Vote: 5-2

Approved

7. MARKETING, MEDIA & PR

- *Update*

EG: all good happy with the season but budget for premiere events.

EG will be preparing a proposal for Feb.

8. AOB

None